

FEDERAL REGISTER, an applicant for assistance under this program must demonstrate in its application how it will address, in whole or in part, the needs of individuals with disabilities from minority backgrounds.

(b) The approaches an applicant may take to meet this requirement may include one or more of the following:

(1) Proposing project objectives addressing the needs of individuals with disabilities from minority backgrounds.

(2) Demonstrating that the project will address a problem that is of particular significance to individuals with disabilities from minority backgrounds.

(3) Demonstrating that individuals from minority backgrounds will be included in study samples in sufficient numbers to generate information pertinent to individuals with disabilities from minority backgrounds.

(4) Drawing study samples and program participant rosters from populations or areas that include individuals from minority backgrounds.

(5) Providing outreach to individuals with disabilities from minority backgrounds to ensure that they are aware of rehabilitation services, clinical care, or training offered by the project.

(6) Disseminating materials to or otherwise increasing the access to disability information among minority populations.

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(Authority: Sec. 21(b)(6); 29 U.S.C. 718b(b)(6))

§ 350.41 What State agency review must an applicant under the Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects and Centers Program obtain?

(a) An applicant that proposes to conduct research, demonstrations, or related activities that will either involve clients of the State vocational rehabilitation agency as research subjects or study vocational rehabilitation services or techniques under this program, shall follow the requirements in 34 CFR 75.155 through 75.159.

(b) For the purposes of this Program, *State* as used in 34 CFR 75.155 through 75.159 means the State rehabilitation agency or agencies in the primary

State or States to be affected by the proposed activities.

(Authority: Secs. 204(c) and 306(i); 29 U.S.C. 762(c) and 766(a))

Subpart F—How Does the Secretary Make an Award?

§ 350.50 What is the peer review process for this Program?

(a) The Secretary refers each application for a grant governed by those regulations in this part to a peer review panel established by the Secretary.

(b) Peer review panels review applications on the basis of the applicable selection criteria in § 350.54.

(Authority: Sec. 202(e); 29 U.S.C. 761a(e))

§ 350.51 What is the purpose of peer review?

The purpose of peer review is to insure that—

(a) Those activities supported by the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR) are of the highest scientific, administrative, and technical quality; and

(b) Activity results may be widely applied to appropriate target populations and rehabilitation problems.

(Authority: Sec. 202(e); 29 U.S.C. 761a(e))

§ 350.52 What is the composition of a peer review panel?

(a) The Secretary selects as members of a peer review panel scientists and other experts in rehabilitation or related fields who are qualified, on the basis of training, knowledge, or experience, to give expert advice on the merit of the applications under review.

(b) Applications for awards of \$60,000 or more, except those for the purposes of evaluation, dissemination of information, or conferences, must be reviewed by a peer review panel that consists of a majority of non-Federal members.

(c) In selecting members to serve on a peer review panel, the Secretary takes into account all of the following factors:

(1) The level of formal scientific or technical education completed by potential panel members.